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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - KOREA - BONGO LETTER  
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1. BECAUSE OF A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES CONCERNING KOREAN  
ASPECTS OF PRESIDENT BONGO - PRESIDENT CARTER LETTER  
EXCHANGE, FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR THE  
SEPTEMBER 26 NOON BRIEFING.

QUOTE

Q: DID KIM IL SUNG SEND A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER  
THROUGH PRESIDENT BONGO OF GABON IN MAY?

A: NO. PRESIDENT BONGO SENT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER  
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WHICH REPORTED ON HIS TRIP TO NORTH KOREA; IT DID NOT  
CONTAIN ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM NORTH KOREA TO THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT. OUR POSITION ON CONTACTS WITH NORTH  
KOREA IS WELL KNOWN. WE ARE PREPARED TO IMPROVE  
RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA IF NORTH KOREA'S ALLIES TAKE  
STEPS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.  
WE WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE KOREAN

PENINSULA WITH NORTH KOREA ONLY IF THE ROK IS A FULL  
PARTICIPANT IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

Q: WHAT DID THE PRESIDENT REPLY TO PRESIDENT BONGO?

A: THE PRESIDENT RESTATED OUR POSITION ON CONTACTS  
WITH NORTH KOREA.

UNQUOTE

2. NO QUESTIONS ON KOREA WERE ASKED AT THE BRIEFING. CHRISTOPHER

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